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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests an extension of three (3) months for filing a Response to an Office Action mailed on October 21, 2003. A check in the amount of \$475.00 to cover this request is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in payment and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-1935.

Respectfully submitted,

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